

WHAT IS CLAIMED IS:

## CLAIMS

1. A system for facilitating message notification for an electronic communication device comprising:

first means for organizing individual messages received via said electronic communication device according to individual users of said device and providing a  
5 signal in response thereto and

second means for automatically enabling said individual users to visually distinguish said individual messages based on said signal.

2. The system of Claim 1 wherein said second means includes a display for displaying contents of said individual messages in various visually distinguishable formats corresponding to various individual users.

3. The system of Claim 2 wherein said second means includes means for converting said individual messages into text messages and scrolling said text messages via visually distinguishable text, said text differing for each of said various individual users.

4. The system of Claim 3 wherein said text differs in color or font based on an intended recipient of said messages or message.

5. The system of Claim 2 wherein said visually distinguishable formats include visually distinguishable bands across said display, said bands visually-differing based on intended recipients of said individual messages.

6. The system of Claim 5 wherein said visually distinguishable bands differ by color, each band associated with a predetermined color assigned to a specific user.

7. The system of Claim 5 wherein said visually distinguishable bands differ by graphical pattern.

8. The system of Claim 2 further including third means for sensing when one of said individual users enters a room in which said system is installed and providing an enable signal in response thereto.

9. The system of Claim 8 further including fifth means for automatically activating said second means based on said enable signal.

10. The system of Claim 9 wherein said sensor includes a motion sensor or a light sensor.

11. A modular convergence device that efficiently notifies multiple users of pending messages comprising:

first means for receiving messages associated with one or more addressees and  
second means for displaying message notifications corresponding to said  
5 messages, said message notifications visually distinguishable according to addressee.

12. The device of Claim 11 further including third means for displaying content of said messages in said message notifications.

13. The device of Claim 12 further including fourth means for customizing said message notifications according to color or graphic pattern, personalized for each of said multiple users.

14. A system for facilitating message notification for an electronic communications device comprising:

5 first means for organizing individual messages received via said electronic communications device according to individual users of said device and providing a signal in response thereto and

second means for automatically enabling said individual users to visually distinguish said individual messages based on said signal via customized message notification bands having different colors or graphics for different individual users.

15. A method for facilitating message notification for an electronic communications device comprising the steps of:

5 organizing individual messages received via said electronic communications device according to individual users of said device and providing a signal in response thereto and

automatically enabling said individual users to visually distinguish said individual messages based on said signal.